

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 10-12 are currently pending in the application. By this Amendment, all of the rejected claims have been canceled and the specification has been amended. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all pending rejections in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 7 and 10-12 are allowed. Accordingly, as all of the rejected claims have been canceled in order to obtain allowance of the allowed claims, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

Objection to the Specification

The specification was objected to because page 3 line 8 contains a typographical error.

Applicant does not disagree. By this amendment, the term "grove" on line 8 of page 3 of the specification has been changed to "groove" consistent with the Examiner's comments.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-noted objection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph, Rejection

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite.

Applicant traverses this basis of rejection at least because it is submitted that one having ordinary skill in the art, having read the specification and reviewed the drawings, would have no difficulty understanding the features of claim 17. Furthermore, in view of the fact that claim 17 has been canceled in order to advance prosecution of the allowed claims, Applicant submits that this basis of rejection is now moot.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-noted rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 4-6, 8, 9, 13-17, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2 184 615 to BRODERICK alone.

While Applicant disagrees with this basis of rejection, in view of the fact that the above-noted claims have been canceled in order to advance prosecution of the allowed claims, Applicant submits that this basis of rejection is now moot.

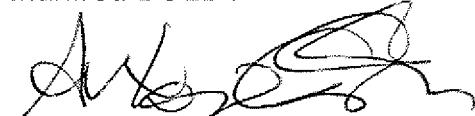
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-noted rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that all of the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the

above application to issue, and to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to **Deposit Account No. 09-0457 (Endicott)**.

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